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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
Case IDN/TMP 240698.VAW

The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your **URGENT** intervention regarding the following situation in East Timor, Indonesia.

Brief description of the situation:
The International Secretariat has just been informed, by the East Timor Human Rights Centre (ETHRC), member of the OMCT network, of the rape of an East Timorese woman, Ms. **Rosita Gomes Pereira**, by members of the Indonesian military, on 1 May 1998.

According to the official statement she made to the local Catholic Church and to the ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross), on May 1st, 1998, she was in the hamlet of Darnei where she resides, in the village of Poetete, Ermera district, when Indonesian soldiers raped her at 11am. She was standing with her two month old baby in her arms when the Indonesian soldiers approached her. One soldiers held her from behind while a second one proceeded to rape her. She made unsuccessful attempts to flee with her baby. It is believed the rape occurred while Mrs Pereira's husband, Domingos da Costa, was in the fields farming.

It is believed that that the two soldiers come from the Lulirema Military Post, located in the village of Coliate in Hatolia, Ermera district.

The International Secretariat would like to recall that the rape of Ms. **Rosita Gomes Pereira** perpetuates the pattern of sexual abuse of East Timorese women by members of the occupying Indonesian security forces. In January 1998, OMCT submitted a report on Violence against Women in Indonesia / East Timor to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination of Violence Against Women, in which OMCT expresses it grave concerns over the violence perpetrated by the Indonesian authorities against East-Timorese women..

Actions requested:
Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i.- undertaken the necessary measures to ensure the physical and psychological integrity of Ms. **Rosita Gomes Pereira**;

ii.- ensure a thorough and impartial investigation into the rape of Ms. **Rosita Gomes Pereira**, identify those responsible, bring them to trial and apply the penal, administrative and civil sanctions established by law, without prejudice of existing military sanctions;

iii.- provide appropriate reparation, including compensation and rehabilitation, to Ms. **Rosita Gomes Pereira**;

iv.- ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards ratified by Indonesia.

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